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Attorney Docket 17616-705

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Hugh R. Sharkey, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3739
Serial No.: 08/714,987) Examiner: D. Shay
Filed: September 17, 1996)
Title: Method and Apparatus for Controlled)
Contraction of Soft Tissue)

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2000. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.115 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-29 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for effecting a change in at least a portion of a selected site of a collagen containing tissue that is adjacent to a fluid medium, comprising: